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Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action mailed November 5, 2007 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-9 and 12-14 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim objection:

The Examiner has objected to claim 7 for the cited informality. Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary amendment filed on October 14, 2005 with the original application, where this particular typographical error was corrected. Applicant notes that the publication No 2007/0025302 corresponding to the present application seems to have the claim as corrected by the preliminary amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim rejection:

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0075844 (Hagan). In asserting this rejection, the Examiner makes reference to the IP filter of Hagan as being capable of identifying the domain of the mobile user. However, a review of the teachings of Hagan fails to disclose or suggest this aspect of applicant's claimed principles. More specifically, Hagan teaches that the IP filter or firewall can be configured such that communications from IP addresses corresponding to mobile terminals owned by the resource provider or otherwise permitted to access LAN will be permitted access, whereas communication to or from unknown or foreign IP addresses will not (See paragraph 0057). In accordance with the present principles, the access point identifies the domain of the

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mobile terminal requesting access, and examines if such domain has been identified by the user as a "guest domain". The guest configures their mobile terminal with a domain name (e.g., in the form of "user_name@domain_name), where the "domain_name" is special and only has local meaning (e.g., guest access). See page 4, lines 20-33 of applicant's specification as originally filed. This aspect of applicant's claimed invention is in direct conflict with the teachings of Hagan that utilized IP addresses, and does not allow the user to identify themselves as a guest in any way.

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to clarify the present principles and more accurately claim the subject matter of the invention. In view of these amendments, and the failure of Hagan to disclose or remotely suggest this concept of allowing the user to designate their own guest status by establishing a domain name in their mobile unit, it is believed that Hagan neither anticipates, nor renders obvious the claimed principles. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 4-9 and 12-14 depend from claims 1 and 9, respectively, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons cited above with respect to independent claims 1 and 9.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of November 5, 2007 be withdrawn, that pending 1, 4-9 and 12-14 be allowed, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the accompany remarks, applicants solicit entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims. If, however, the Examiner believes such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6820, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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